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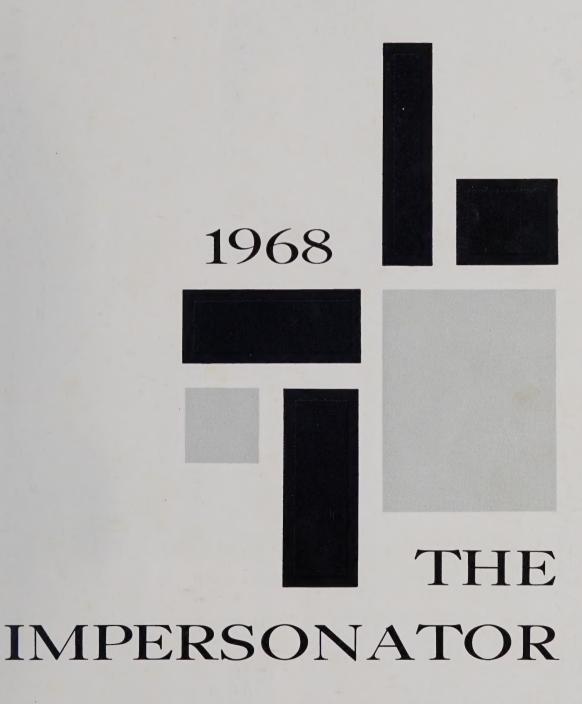
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MRS. SALLIE BUCHANAN

Being the person that she is, Mrs. Sallie Buchanan, congenial guidance counselor and mathematics teacher of Valdese High School, inspires in each student the desire for better relationships as an individual and a more thoughtful and realistic awareness of his destination. As the student gazes into dreams of unknown tomorrows, she helps utilize his dreams, yet mold them into reality in the light of the student's abilities and his understanding of himself.

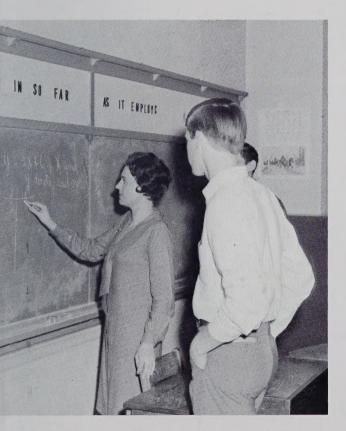
Friendliness, devotion, and a warm personality are only three of her many qualities. She greets appre-

hensive freshmen with a warm flashing smile; lends a helping hand to more adjusted yet indeterminate sophomores; always listens to the junior's problems - - both academic and personal; and aids the seniors in making decisions about their future. In short, she shows genuine concern for each and every one who passes through her door.

For her diversity in assistance to the students, the annual staff dedicates the 1968 edition of the IM-PERSONATOR to *Mrs. Sallie Buchanan*.



As guidance counselor, Mrs. Buchanan accompanies juniors to college and career days.



Mrs. Buchanan, always willing to devote time, explains an algebra problem.

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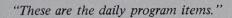
"Laughing the stormy, husky, brawling laughter of youth. . . . "



"If I had more time
I could do more for myself
and maybe for others.

I could read and study and talk things over and find out about things. It takes time. I wish I had the time."



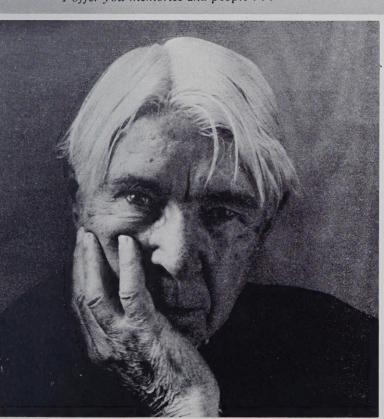




"The fog comes on little cat feet."



"I offer you memories and people . . . "



Carl Sandburg

Anyone who ever knew Carl Sandburg or ever read his works knows that he offered memories. Through his poems he revealed humorously, sadly eloquently the "ashes" of his past, of his Swedish ancestry. A native of Illinois, he adopted North Carolina as his home; and North Carolinians and Sandburg developed a mutual love and admiration. We feel a particular closeness to him, the poet of the people.

Power and vitality in his poems offer something for everyone - - all people everywhere. In their universal aspect they were directed toward the youth of America, as in his great work "The People, Yes." We can identify with his philosophy, his view of life. He would have seen students as searchers, leaders, bursting with vitality and the dream of tomorrow. Sandburg wrote of America and her people in the manner of Walt Whitman, whom he greatly admired - - a natural, realistic, down-to-earth style that appeals to youth.

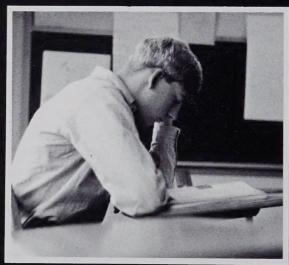
From his realistic, powerful poems, such as "Chicago," to his tender, delicately lovely "Fog," he wrote truthfully and with a sensitive insight that opened all eyes to both bad and good in the world. Thus, an aching void has been formed by his recent death in July 21, 1967. A man such as Sandburg should have lived forever. But indeed he does live on in the things he wrote so that he will continue to give inspiration to our generation and the next as he did to his own.

For these reasons the IMPERSONATOR staff pays tribute to Sandburg even as he often paid tribute to the youth of America in his works. We look at VHS through the eyes of the poet and find new meaning there.

Events of the Year



"... tell me if the lovers are losers ... tell me if any get more than the lovers ..."



"Nothing happens unless first a dream."

"Take any . . . people . . . cheering a hero or throwing confetti and blowing tin horns . . . "



- Homecoming
- Christmas Dance
- Assemblies
- Pep Rallies
- Intramurals
- Freshman Orientation
- Junior-Senior
- Graduation
- Trips
- Conventions
- Concerts
- Parades

"In the night, and overhead a shovel of stars for keeps, the people march:

'Where to? what next'?"



"This old anvil laughs at many broken hammers."



"These are the daily program items, values of blood-mind in the everyday rituals of the people."

-- THE PEOPLE, YES

From the simplest everyday occurences.
- - homeroom roll calls, pep rallies, fire drills, and blaring loud speakers - - to special assemblies, orientation days, elections, trips, graduation - - Valdese High School routine is busy and rewarding.

Student assemblies enable the students to exhibit their speaking abilities and originality in planning. Pep rallies and intramural games encourage student involvement in the spirit of athletic events. Trips widen the personal scope; elections, the citizen's scope of individuals.

Carl Sandburg realized the value of the daily rituals; their seeming unimportance veils their basic quality. Everyday values of the blood-mind establish the foundation for excellence and quality, the hint of greatness.

Fall Brings NHS Initiation



Harriet Setzer encounters "Toothie" the clown during her lunch break downtown.



Freshmen are welcomed in the fall by the French Club. to friend Rick Davis the advantages of club membership.

Juniors take the Preliminary Aptitude Test in October in preparation for the SAT they will take as seniors.





NHS initiation in September gave high ranking ience to remember. New members - Sandy Abee, mon - are being supervised by their "superior,"



Louis Guigou is pointing out

School began in the fall with a sparkle of excitement as the VHS boys in football uniforms dashed upon the field. The team playing their best at each game, Homecoming in October was the climax of the season.

Adding both warmth and beauty to the stadium, the nominees for Homecoming queen paraded upon the field. In the suspense of the moment, a hush fell over the crowd as the girls were announced. The final moment had arrived! Chosen by the student body, Peggy Haller was proclaimed queen. Rosie Abernathy and Delayne Wallace were Maids of Honor.

Other exciting events of the fall season were initiations, held by such clubs as the National Honor Society. Costumed recruits paraded down the halls performing stunts and "good deeds," much to their dismay and others' delight. It was the rush season for club joining of all kinds, with the year's activities getting swiftly underway.

For seniors, fall meant the beginning of the end and being awarded such long-awaited privileges as being allowed to eat off campus. For juniors, it meant beginning their preparations for college by taking the PSAT and attending College Day. For teachers it meant back to lesson plans and paper grading and supervising all these bustling activities.

Fall at VHS is indeed a hectic, but very wonderful time.



juniors and seniors an exper-Tommy Shook, and Gary Gar-Chuck Barnhardt.



In October thirteen girls were presented to the student body as the Homecoming Court.

Freshman Initiated Late November

With the arrival of basketball, freshman initiation, and the Christmas dance, VHS students knew winter was here.

Thrilling, tension-filled basketball games were the main attractions of the season, and the gymnasium was a busy place with practice sessions every day and exciting games Tuesday and Friday nights. Cheerleaders were also a part of the scene, yelling enthusiastically for VHS.

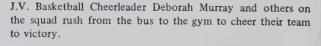
Another exciting event of the winter season was Initiation Day for freshmen. Making the innocent and unsuspecting green horns carry books, sit on water fountains and radiators, sing ridiculous songs, bow, and go through various other rituals of initiation, the seniors enjoyed every minute of their revenge. Freshmen refused to say how much they enjoyed the day, but got back at the seniors a bit in their special Initiation Day assembly.



Mrs. Braswell's homeroom presents a skit for the freshman



Christmas parades highlight the winter season for band students at VHS.







"Initiation Day" assembly program.



Carlton Caruso begins studying for trying semester exams, which mark the winter season at VHS.



Sponsored by the Student Council, the Christmas Dance is eagerly anticipated.

Excitement mounted as Christmas drew near bringing parades and the annual Student Council sponsored dance.

Christmas Dance activities began with the nomination of candidates in homerooms. Excitement and suspense filled the air. Searching through every store, the selected girls running for Christmas Queen tried hard to find just the right dress. Finally, the great moment arrived! The VHS Christmas Queen was - Gail Winebarger. Applause filled the air as an astonished Gail groped her way to the platform to receive her crown.

Student Council members worked hard to make the dance a success, encouraging students to buy tickets and planning entertainment and decorations. The Venturas provided the music for the dance, livening up the American Legion hut with the sound of jazz and rock and roll. All in all the dance was a huge success.

Winter time meant testing time, too. For seniors it meant taking the SAT, December 2. For everyone there were semester exams in January.

And, of course, there was snow, meaning a surprise holiday for students and teachers - - all part of the wintertime game at VHS.

Graduation Anticipated by Seniors

Birds are singing, flowers are blooming, and spring is here at Valdese High School. Scattered among the campus of VHS, students can be seen lounging around the front lawn. Although spring is for everyone at VHS, it is mainly a time for seniors. Preparing for graduation and their future careers, receiving their class rings, and going to Junior-Senior Prom highlight the year for the seniors. Valdese High School rings this

year were, as always, black with an emblem of a crest embedded in it.

Working hard all year selling magazine subscriptions and Almond Coconut candy to sponsor the Junior-Senior prom, juniors turned the gym into a sparkling, dazzling array of color.

Chosen from the sophomore class for their high scholastic ability, the waiters and waitresses served



As spring approaches, so does the time of departure from VHS for seniors.



Jr. Senior waiters and waitresses were chosen



Outgoing Student Council President Jimmy Brinkley installs incoming Steve Demiter in an assembly last spring.

during the dance. Dressing to suit the theme, they provided an effective decoration. The Tactics, the band playing, provided an enjoyable evening with popular teen-age dances.

As the school year ended, everyone was busy cramming for final exams and looking forward to the summer, swimming, and all the other things that go with vacation time.



because of their academic accomplishments.

Spring is a time for chatting and enjoying the fresh air out under the trees between classes, as are Elizabeth Link and Mike Cloer.





Gary Dillingham, Benny Rhoney, and Brian Zimmerman create moments of fun in an assembly program to solicit votes for Renee Rostan for Secretary of the Student Council.

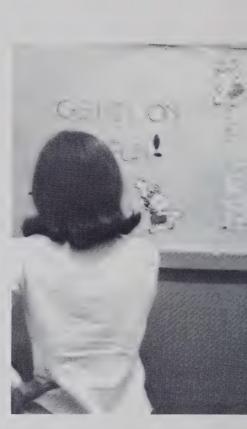
Juniors attend Career Day in Drexel to delve into the future possibilities of work or college.





Chosen by the American Legion, Rosie Abernathy, Wanda Barrett, Jimmy Page, and Chuck Barnhardt attended Girls' and Boys' State in June to study government.

Work Begins



Football practice begins in mid-August.



During the summer many students worked to prepare for the coming school year. Student Council members, for example, held workshops during which posters were drawn to make VHS halls welcoming: students were assigned to guide bewildered freshmen; and committees were appointed to cope with student problems.

In June the American Legion sent Jimmy Page and Chuck Barnhardt to Boys' State at Wake Forest, and the American Legion Auxilliary sent Rosie Abernathy and Wanda Barrett to Girls' State at UNC-G. There they learned about state governments; held mock city, state, and town government meetings; and gained valuable information to bring back to school.

August 15 found the football team hard at work. From 9 till 11 A.M. and from 4 to 6 P.M. the squad exercised, viewed films, held scrimmages, and scanned the plays they intended to use for the coming season. Also during August, VHS cheerleaders attended summer camp to learn new cheering techniques; and in the same month the annual staff was out selling ads to Valdese merchants.

For many, summer months meant sleeping late and enjoying a long awaited vacation, but much was accomplished during these months by dedicated students and teachers willing to work overtime to im-14 prove their school.

in Summer



Suzanne Pons and Leila Benfield prepare for the beginning of school.



Students begin the year by cleaning last year's junk out of their lockers.

Interior linemen Jeff Moore, Gary Garmon, and Brian Feimster present a formidable sight to their opponents.



Academics







- Administration
- Faculty
- School Board
- Curriculum
- Language
- Mathematics
- Science
- Fine Arts
- Social Studies
- P. E.
- Business Education
- Home Economics
- Industrial Training
- Employees



"I'm amazed from day to day that I am ambulant and in my right mind,"

Under the pressures of academic life, students sometimes wonder about the state of their minds and the quality of their work. Always urged to upgrade their standards, students strive to achieve their ultimate goal - - perfection.

Sandburg believed "school is for discipline . . . Discipline. Tightness. Firmness. Crispness. Sternness. And sternness in our lives. Life is tons of discipline. Your first discipline is your vocabulary; then your grammar and your punctuation, you see. Then, in your exuberance and bounding energy you say you're going to add to that. Then you add rhyme and meter. And your delight is in that power."

Sandburg had great feeling for and sympathy for the student, for he was himself a scholar. His greatest claim to fame was, in fact, an extensive research project in U.S. History. His vast volumed biography of Abraham Lincoln made him known the world over as the greatest authority on Lincoln.

He knew the agonies and frustrations of study - - and its rewards. And he saw school as a training ground for life. School is not just trying to teach us facts and maxims. It is training us to live: for if we master the art of scholarship, we master the art of living.





Mr. Wilson, principal, and Mr. Byers, assistant principal, work out the class routines.

Administration Strives to Retain High Ideals

Principal G. D. Wilson and assistant Richard Byers efficiently directed the students through another successful year. Showing concern for each individual, they offered guidance, understanding, and leadership to both faculty and students. Keeping records, making reports, advising on school activities, and arranging schedules were only several of their burdensome tasks.

VHS having achieved accreditation last spring, the administration sought to carry through the requirements set by the Southern Association. High standards, which are necessary to retain accreditation, became the major objective of Mr. Wilson and Mr. Byers. They were aware of the many improvements to be made, and worked hard to achieve such goals as keeping teacher loads as evenly balanced as possible, arranging the schedule so that teachers could work in their specialized fields, providing for new courses such as business mathematics, modern mathematics, and office occupations to broaden and enrich the school's curriculum offerings - - not easy tasks to achieve in the crowded facilities at VHS.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Byers have proved themselves able leaders and are respected by students who realize that set principles are for the betterment of the entire student body.

Imogene Traylor, school secretary, and Pat Cline, an office assistant, work hard at different office problems.





Mr. John L. Johnson, Superintendent, plans the Burke County school schedule.





Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Sam Brinkley listen attentively to a speaker at the faculty dinner.

Faculty members enjoy themselves at a Christmas banquet held in their honor.



Rugby and Pygmalion Highlight Year

GREAT EXPECTATIONS opens the door to freshman English under Mrs. Myra Braswell. Freshmen are introduced to literature and the fundamental procedure of writing well-developed sentences. Projects for the year included skits, book reports, bulletin boards (which are always outstanding), and various kinds of art work.

Mrs. Betty Nisbet teaches sophomores how to appreciate and understand literature. They grow to realize that English is more than grammar and diagramming. Once again sophomores were introduced to JULIUS CAESAR and fell in love with Eppie and Silas Marner, George Eliot's famed characters. This year Mrs. Nisbet also had one class of seniors, whom she endeavored to shape for college and the future.

English poetry, TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD, and TOM JONES were studied by Mrs. Sarah Jacob's senior class. She helps her students get pleasure out of literature and teaches them how to appreciate it as well. Her junior students gave creative skits to enliven their classes. The most unusual projects undertaken by Mrs. Jacob's classes this year, however, were presenting scenes from PYGMALION and learning how the British have fun with rugby.



Mrs. Nesbit explains part of an English lesson to Elaine Phillips, who was absent during one class.



Mrs. Nesbit's senior English class takes a break during class to exchange gifts the day before Christmas vacation begins.



Mrs. Braswell listens as one of her students gives a book report.



C. McGuire, B. Sinclair, and C. Bernard present PYGMALION to their senior English class.



Mrs. Jacob views her class as they work on a classroom assignment.



Mrs. Myra Braswell AB Greensboro College English I



Mrs. Betty Nesbit BA Catawba College English II, IV



Mrs. Sarah Jacob BA Wake Forest College English III, IV

Advanced English Classes Have Orgy On Mt. Olympus

"Seven o'clock "earth time" was the hour and Mt. Olympus" (the primary cafeteria) the place for the mythological orgy held by the advanced English classes January 6. Following an extensive study of mythology and Greek drama, an Olympian banquet and a drama festival seemed a fitting climax. Each student came costumed as a favorite mythological character, and twelve Olympians were chosen to sit at the table of honor.

During the banquet entertainment was furnished by such characters as Orpheus, Pandora, the Sirens, Pan, Iris; and the Olympians themselves joined with assorted mortals to present a wacky version of the Trojan War. Hilarious!

For the drama festival each of the four advanced English classes presented a scene from a Greek play, and prizes were awarded for best actress, actor, director, and production.

Also a part of their study of drama, the classes made several field trips. At Thomas Wolf Theater in Asheville they saw She Stoops to Conquer and J. B. and experienced, for the first time, "theater-in-the-round." They also traveled to Charlotte and Hickory to see such films as Gone With the Wind and Camelot.







Reigning over the class banquet, the Olympian twelve added much color and fun.

Leila Benfield, portraying Medea at the advanced English classes' banquet, won a drama award - best actress.



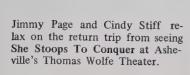
Mrs. McCall explains to her classes the development of drama from Sophocles to Shakespeare to Shaw.



Mrs. Maxine McCall BS, MA ASTC Advanced English II, III, IV



Frank Grill, Linda Sherrill, Gary Garmon and Mark Mitchell discuss mythology and its parallels to the Bible.





Chorus Gives Concerts

French and Music departments felt the influence of new teachers.

In the music field Mr. Carter devoted much time, talent, and energy to direct the band and chorus in some of the finest concerts they have ever given. Under his leadership both groups grew in size and power and delivered performances beyond their own expectations. Students have learned much from him about music appreciation and have had fun in the process.

Mrs. Judy Lane, VHS French teacher, missed one semester of school because of injuries received in an automobile accident. Classes were carried on in her absence by Mrs. Carol Rostan, whose enthusiasm for the subject kept the instruction on a high level. Under her leadership the classes visited the beautiful cities of France through film and song on their "French Fridays," and French I students prepared projects to show what they had learned about the country.

Students enjoyed Mrs. Rostan's stay, but were at the same time thrilled to have Mrs. Lane recovered and back on the job in January.



Chorus members entertained at many assem-



Rev. Robert Carter, willing to take time out for any student, has been an able band director.



Taking on the many responsibilities left to her as our new French teacher, Mrs. Rostan accomplished much.



Mrs. Lane, who was absent during the first half of the year, returned to further her French students in the French culture and language.



bly programs and held a Christmas concert this year.



R. L. Fletcher exhibits her French project to the students of her class.



Rev. Robert Carter BM Morris Harvey College MA Marshall University BD Duke University



Female members of the chorus practice for "The Little Drummer Boy."



Mr. Farmer points out the Rocky Mountain region to his U. S. History class.



Junior students work with Mr. Cranford on the Cultural Heritage Program of Burke County.



Robert Murray teaches an Economics chapter on large-scale business and monopoly.

 $Mrs.\ Stroud$ assists L. Skidmore, J. Pons, and P. Perrou in finding information for term papers.





World geography students study

Social Studies Gains Two New Teachers

Added to the social studies department this year were Mrs. Betty Stroud and Mr. Lee Farmer. Each encouraged his students to gain knowledge of world history and U.S. History.

Far away countries seemed near through reports given by world geography students.

Problems of society were brought home to students of sociology and economics through field trips and class activities. Sociology students were able to see two of society's most serious problems by touring Western Carolina Center and Broughton Hospital.

Economics classes learned about the stability of the nation's finances and the taxes involved in operating the government.



Mr. Icenhower uses break period to prepare for his next class.



the cultures of foreign lands.



Mr. Lee Farmer BA Lenoir-Rhyne College World History, U. S. History



Miss Morrison lectures on the economic problems of the nation.





Math

Modern Math Enters VHS Curriculum

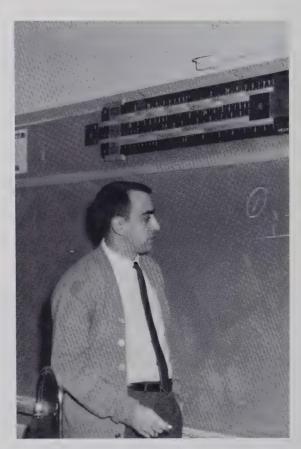
With the introduction of modern math and modern algebra, the entire math program has been upgraded this year. In modern math rumor has it that two and two equal five at times, and the freshmen try to accept it.

The greatest change has appeared between Algebra I and Algebra II, where geometry now takes its stand. Algebra II has returned this year more advanced and more difficult. Mrs. Whisenant says it is almost equal to the first half of the advanced math course.

Advanced math students studied advanced algebra, trigonometry and quadratic graphs and worked with projects concerning probability and statistics in the spring.

Mathematics, be it general or advanced, is an art. Accepting this art in a new system, VHS students proved it successful.





Mr. Murray explains the fundamental procedures of modern math to his students.

Mrs. Whisenant goes over some of the geometry problems given to her by several of her students.



Mrs. Whisenant explains a complicated math problem to B. Leger as her advanced math class work on their homework.



Working out a proof for her geometry students is Mrs. Whisenant.



Mrs. Sallie Buchanan BA Lenoir Rhyne College Algebra I, II, Guidance



Mrs. Elsie Whisenant BA Lenoir Rhyne College Algebra I, Advanced Math Geometry

Mrs. Bounous is ready to assist her business math students as they work on problems.





Mr. Murray demonstrates an experiment on an advanced physics principle.

Lloyd Wehunt and Steve Miller explore the principles of an electric motor.





Listening to a student, Mr. Byers hears an explanation on the formation of chromosones.

Roy Greenwood New Physical Science Teacher

Entering VHS simultaneously, the freshmen and Mr. Greenwood encountered each other for the first time in general science. Projects and research papers were required of every student. Trips to Bell Telephone Company and to the Carbon Plant helped the students gain insight into the field of communications and the many uses of carbon.

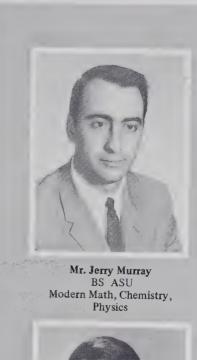
Greeting anxious sophomores, Mr. Byers led them through the vast world of biology. Anatomy of plants and animals was thoroughly studied throughout the year. Dissecting and using the microscope were introduced to the students.

Juniors and seniors, studying the concept of the atom, struggled, with the help of Mr. Murray, through chemistry and physics. Trips to Marshall's Steam Plant and Oak Ridge Nuclear Center were highlights of the physics study.

Filling their minds with formulas and problems prepared students for the future in the world of science.



Mr. Roy Greenwood explains the process of osmosis to his freshman science class.





Mr. Richard Byers
BS ASU
Biology, Assistant Principal



Mr. Roy Greenwood BS High Point College Physical Science



Students find the library a perfect place to get away from the pressures of everyday school life and collect their thoughts.



Library assistants devote much of their free time to make the library a pleasant and interesting place for students, faculty, and visitors to enjoy. Here Mrs. Reitzel and the girls are working on a new book exhibit.

Dedicated to Service



Many times after consultation with counselors, students are able to talk and even laugh about their problems.



Devoting much time to the library, Mrs. Reitzel has greatly improved and expanded it. She is indeed a credit to VHS.



Mrs. Alma Reitzel
MSLS University of
North Carolina
Library



Mrs. Emma Greason
BS University of Cincinnati
MA ASU
County Guidance Counselor

Consulting with students about capabilities, filling out endless transcripts, opening a daily mountain of mail, filing records, writing recommendations, and directing students toward a more successful future—the guidance office tried to reach and serve everyone. Mrs. Buchanan was constantly counseling and interviewing. Mrs. Greason, county counselor, assisted Mrs. Buchanan by making appointments with students during their study halls.

Guiding the students also were Mrs. Reitzel and the library assistants. They were constantly eager to help students broaden their knowledge through books. Mrs. Reitzel displayed her creative talents through beautiful bulletin boards and book displays. New shelves were added to house the many new books that have been acquired.

Child Care Studied in Home Economics

Home Economics and industrial arts are two of the vocational courses at VHS. Both are popular student electives, largely because they combine pleasure and practicality.

This year the home economics department welcomed a new teacher, Mrs. Betty Hammond. Along with learning and mastering the skills of sewing, cooking, and housekeeping, the home economic girls held a fashion show, did a project in interior decorating, and worked for a week as teacher aids in the primary school when they were studying a unit on child care. From Mrs. Hammond the home economics students

learned much about the techniques of making a happy home.

Mr. Benny Cozort's industrial arts course also featured practical application of the concepts of craftsmanship and order. The boys gained experience working in shop, where they learned the feel of the machines and took a look from the inside at what their lives might hold in the future.

And this year found more and more girls venturing into mechanical drawing. Last year's class boasted only one girl; this year several young ladies were keeping up with the boys in this interesting course.



David Harris, in Mechanical Drawing class, works carefully at his drawing board.

Shelia Blevins and Sandy Abernathy display their skills with the children at the primary building.





Tony Chapman works diligently in shop to mark the cutting spots which will form a table.



Debbie Hamby and Bobbie Goode model the dresses made in Home Ec. I.



Mrs. Hammond judges the dresses made by senior Home Ec. students.



Mrs. Betty Hammond B S Winthrop College Home Economics I, II, III, IV



Mr. Ben Cozort
BS ASU
Industrial Arts,
Mechanical Drawing



Gary Ogle and Randy Queen finish a bookcase as Mr. Cozort gives advice on the best method to use.



Mrs. Bounous looks over work being done by her Shorthand I class.



Stroud Added to Business Staff

Added to the business world of VHS this year were two new courses - office occupations and business mathematics.

Business math, taught by Mrs. Bounous, emphasizes the importance of math in business.

Covering a two-hour block, office occupations aids future business leaders to prepare for their careers. Led by Mrs. Pennell, the class consists of sixteen members who gain valuable experience by working with such newly added machines as the dictaphone, the printing calculator, the electric typewriter, and the adding machine. Also included in this course are two old courses, Shorthand II and Typing II.

Other classes that rounded out the business department curriculum this year were Shorthand I, and Typing I, bookkeeping, and general business - the last two being taught by Mrs. Stroud, a new teacher at VHS.



Students in Mrs. Pennell's Office Occupations class gain knowledge and experience in the secretarial field.



Typing on electric machines is one of many new experiences for an office occupations student.



Typing I students learn the parts of a typewriter and the skills of typing.

Under the capable leadership of Mrs. Bounous students practice spacing a title.





Mrs. Jewel Bounous BS Winthrop College Typing I, Shorthand I, Business Math



Mrs. Betty Pennell
BS ASTC
Typing II, Office Practice



Mrs. Betty Stroud BS ASTC U. S. History, Bookkeeping

DE, ICT, IV Students Plan for Future



Mr. Hilderbran adds variety to his classes by using film strips to demonstrate the different ways of selling items.

Mr. Hewit lectures his classes on their future plans.



On the job training is the key to the distributive education and industrial co-operative training programs. By studying various aspects of business in class, these students are able to gain an understanding of the business world and to prepare to take their places in it. Each student must find an occupation for which he is suitable and work to become good at it. At intervals each student is appraised and his progress is noted by his employer. This procedure enables the student to discover his true potential in a vocation and whether it is suitable as his life's work.

For those not planning to attend college these courses have added new promise. While being able to choose a career, they are also able to earn money to aid in their expenses. Without additional schooling, they are able to look forward to a secure future in a vocation for which they are trained.

Through study and job training the D. E. and I.C.T. classes are now turning out young people ready to fit in the business world of today. Teaching D.E. this year is a new teacher, Mr. Hildebran. Mr. Hewat returned to VHS to teach I.C.T.





 $Mrs. \ Brinkley \ explains the meaning of Introduction to Vocations to her students.$



ICT students learn of job opportunities in the future.



Mr. Wade Hilderbran BS ASTC DE



Mrs. Nancy Brinkley BS UNC-G IV



Mr. John Hewat BS Lenoir Rhyne College ICT



Freshman girls learn to tumble in physical education class.

Freshman girls find that forming a pyramid is harder than it looks.

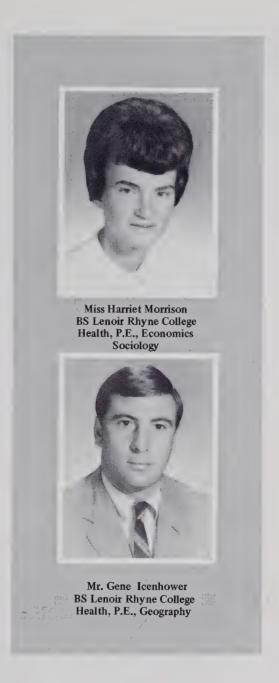




Calisthenics is a regular part of the gym class routine.



Coach Gene Icenhower passes out health charts to his students.



PE.; Health

Freshmen Build Bodies and Minds

Upon entering high school, each student must complete a one-year course in health and physical education. This course teaches them sportsmanship as well as physical skills. The instructors, Miss Harriet Morrison and Mr. Gene Isenhower guided their "green" freshmen through a year filled with various sports and athletic events.

While the physical education program is building their bodies and competitive spirit, the health program acquaints them with basic knowledge of body anatomy and its functions.

Besides giving the students a change during the day, the program teaches them to improve their bodies along with their minds.



Early in the morning a bus unloading is not an unusual sight. This picture shows several of the students arriving at school.

Employees

New Janitor

Rising early each morning, the bus drivers prepare to chauffeur energetic students on a hectic trip to the school. Real nerve is required but the drivers have proved themselves competent in dealing with the numerous fights and quarrels that occur.

As the students make their way to the office during the day, they are greeted by the friendly and enthusiastic smile of Mrs. Emogene Taylor. Often she is found typing, taking dictation, or lending a helping hand to anyone who needs it. Keeping the principal's office running smoothly has proved to be a full time job.



Added to Staff

As lunch time draws near each day, the cafeteria staff prepare for the onrush of hungry students. A new centralized system has helped them in providing better well-balanced meals.

Another efficient group of employees is the janitorial staff. James Horn was added this year to help Johnny Berry in the cleaning up. To show appreciation for the countless papers and cups so patiently picked up, the student body presented them a Christmas gift.

The able support of these employees has been realized and appreciated by everyone at V.H.S.



Serving the students at the elementary cafeteria, these ladies work with skillful hands.



During the Christmas assembly Johnny Berry and James Horn received gifts from the student body, letting them know they were greatly appreciated by all.

Always there when the freshmen come rushing in the primary cafeteria with hungry faces, these ladies are a must.



Activities

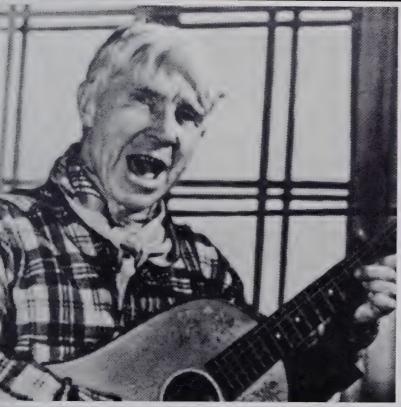






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"The strong men will be coming, the strong men will always be coming."

-- THE PEOPLE, YES

It takes strong men to hustle day to day through the halls of Valdese High School. Busy planning of activities by club presidents, constant supervision and suggestions by faculty sponsors, and mutual co-operation between organizations and the Student Council create harmony in school activities. Special committees strive to provide an interesting slate of events for the school year and utilize the individual abilities of students to do so.

School is a busy place and our leaders come and go and often a leader emerges who is so good that we feel he can never be replaced. But he graduates, and before we know it another "strong one" has taken his place, and VHS marches on.

Student Council



Representatives carry on discussions in homerooms, relaying suggestions and opinions at Student Council meetings.



Heading the Student Council, the Executive Council works hard to plan interesting activities for scheduled meetings.



Inter-Club Council members coordinate club activities and body.

Sponsors Mrs. Buchanan and Mr. Murray plan with Steve Demiter for Homecoming events.

Toby Campbell and Neil Parisse exercise their voting rights as citizens of VHS.

establish smooth relations between clubs and the student

Delegates Attend Kannapolis Conference

Led by President Steve Demiter, the Student Council began its year in August with a workshop. Mrs. Buchanan and Mr. Murray were advisers and supervised all club projects.

Publishing the Student Council handbook, broad-casting "Tiger Time," and heading the activities of Homecoming were several of the projects sustained during the 1967-1968 school year. Conducting meetings, directing assembly programs, reading minutes, and making the financial reports were carried out by the executive council. Representatives conducted homeroom discussions on major topics such as consolidation, and the inter-club council fulfilled their task of making the clubs they represented efficient.

Student Council members were involved in several important trips during the year. Steve Demiter and Frank Grill were elected representatives to the Student Council Congress in Kannapolis. Themes of the convention were "America Ends and I Can" and "Keep America Clean."

Jimmy Page charged into Pep Week enthusiastically, inspiring school spirit and general student involvement in activities.



NHS and Monogram

Monogram and NHS Rank High in Athletic and Academic Perfection

Ranking high in scholastic achievement, the NHS promotes integrity and fellowship among its members. Recognized for their high accomplishments and outstanding personality, the NHS represents four main qualities: scholarship, leadership, service, character. All members must retain a 92 average. Activities included an April convention at Durham, initiation of new members in the fall, and a Valentines Party.

Led by President Carl Abernathy, the Monogram Club represented those ranking high in athletics. All students who have lettered in sports or cheerleading are eligible for membership in this club. Projects include operating the concession stand at ballgames and buying jackets and blazers for the seniors.

Representing scholastic and athletic achievement, the NHS and Monogram Club strived for perfection.



Monogram Club members chose as their sponsor Miss Renee Rostan.

National Honor Society, meeting to elect officers is presided over by Wanda Barrett.

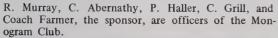




Lettermen in basketball, football, baseball, track, and cheerleading are all members of the Monogram Club.



Members of the NHS plan for the Valentine Dance.







Carl Abernathy works at the concession stand sponsored by the Monogram Club.

G. Garmon, M. Leach, W. Barrett, F. Mills, and T. Shook are the officers of the NHS.





As the year began, the members of the IMPERSONATOR staff looked at different annuals, covers, and layouts to get a better understanding of publishing an annual.



"The mail will get through no matter - rain, sleet, hail, or snow." The annual staff felt this way about the annual and worked during the snow holidays.



Harriet is seen here writing copy and counting up the number of characters on the pages.

Trying to tie the theme in with the copy, Rosie Abernathy, Harriet Setzer, and Renee Rostan are seen hard at work.





Taking a break from their work Harriet, Clint, and Rosie take advantage of the snow.



Wanda Barrett, Chuck Barnhardt, Clint Bernard, and Jimmy Page, members of the lay-out committee, meet to discuss possibilities for the annual.



Herman and Clint often surprised people by taking candid shots of the students.



Herman, Jimmy, and Harriet assist students in arranging robes for pictures for graduation.



Rosie Abernathy, editor of the IMPERSONATOR, assumes responsibility for choosing pictures to blend in with the theme.

Impersonator Staff Attends Conference

Meeting at the funeral parlor from 5:30 till 12, writing copy, cropping pictures, stumbling through the dark halls at school— what unforgettable experiences!

Attending a Delmar workshop in the spring, the Impersonator staff learned the fundamentals of making a yearbook. Back at school, Mrs. McCall held further discussions on how a yearbook is created and thus opened the door of knowledge to annual staffers who were unaware of the mountainous task that lay ahead. Then the "fun" started—we brought on the No-Doz and Excedrin. Selling ads, deciding on the theme, dedication, and the cover of the book were completed for the most part in the fall. Then came the picture-taking, photo cropping, and copy writing of which there seemed no end. Editor Rosie Abernathy was forever writing copy, and Business Manager Wanda Barrett was always ready to try a new money making project, such as selling I.D. cards or last year's annual pictures.

January brought the traditional rush to meet the deadline, January 15. Then off to the press and that long awaited occasion when the books return and all eyes around VHS focus on the 1968 Impersonator.



Several of the girls in FBLA help to prepare an interesting poster for their club.



Business Students Publish Directory

Hoping to be tomorrow's working girls, the FBLA members plan to be the country's secretaries, accountants, stenographers, bookkeepers, receptionists, and typists.

Gaining experience for these careers, they are eligible to take a new business course called office occupations. Amid the clanging of typewriters, dictaphones, adding machines, and printing calculators, they obtain true office training.

Desiring to acquire valuable knowledge about commercial schools pertaining to their professions, the FBLA planned to tour Catawba Technical Institute early in spring. Another project sponsored by the FBLA was a local beautician's visit to one of their meetings to show the members appropriate dress for the office.

Proper training for business occupations can, indeed, be secured through the FBLA.

Deadlines! Headlines! Hurry! Rush! All these things are components of the ECHOES. Requiring only an interest in newspaper crafts, anyone is qualified to join. However, staff members must be prepared to work and work hard! Rushing to meet deadlines, the ECHOES staff spent hours planning stories, writing headlines, and gathering gossip.

Assembling all the school news, the staff compiled and published the ECHOES monthly with special editions being issued at special times during the year, such as Homecoming, Christmas, and Graduation.



Membership of the Echoes staff increased this year. These each month.

Mrs. Pennell and Judy Ingle discuss the up coming issue of the "Echoes."





Lou Williams aids in daily office routine.



ECHOES were distributed in homerooms for the interest of the students.



students work hard to get out a good and interesting "Echoes"

Members of the FBLA club worked hard toward meeting the goal on "The Student Directory."

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{FBLA}}$ officers insured the publication of "The Student Directory."







ICT members prepare for future job opportunities.

DE and ICT Explore Job Opportunities



Officers Dwight Kelly, Lloyd Wehunt, Joe Hollingsworth, and Jimmy Dillingham lead the Freshman Service Club by improving the appearance of the school.

Valdese High School's service clubs help the school in appearance and morale.

The Freshman Service Club had the job of keeping the appearance of VHS clean and neat on the outside, while the Distributive Education Club of America brightened up the inside of the school by featuring in their showcase during the year a display of merchandise from local stores. Being able to help and bring joy to underpriviledged families by giving food and visiting is just one example of how the Vocational-Industrial Club of America operates.

Such clubs as these have brought honor to Valdese High.



 $K.\ Huffman\ and\ B.\ Bridges\ talk\ over\ job\ opportunities\ with\ Mr.\ Hewit.$



Valdese delegates, J. Chrisenbury and N. Reed, won trophies in a contest in the field of interviewing.



S. Huss, G. Anthony, N. Norman, D. Green, A. Mourglea, J. Heafner, and Mr. Hilderbran are pictured here as the officers of the D.E. club.



Officers of the Drama Club A. Jacks, J. Gragg, C. Bernard, and D. Neale stage a wedding.



Sharon Huss shows her ability to act during a skit.

Drama Club, Forensic Society Promote Poise in Public

Performance of two one-act plays proved the Drama Club to be a group of talented and hardworking students. Having 54 members, the club had a variety of talents to draw upon for their activities. Club president Judy Gragg and sponsor Mrs. Jacob

helped to organize the members according to their best fields of interest, such as acting, building sets, or designing costumes.

Helping Mr. Cranford and the Colony Players was a major project of the club.

One of the largest clubs in VHS, the Drama Club encourages poise, self-expression, and other stage production pointers.







Promoting better communications through public speaking, debates, and meetings the Forensic Society influences almost every phase of life.



J. Hurt, P. Haller, P. Benfield, T. Shook, and L. Benfield officers of the Forensic Society helped the members through many problems.

R. Kaplin, T. Shook, S. Pons, L. Benfield, and A. Robinson were appointed as the official debaters of the Forensic Society.



G. Winebarger and J. Ingle did research on plays and reported back to the Library Club.



Band and Majorettes

Band Attired in New Uniforms

Wearing attractive new uniforms, the band contributed greatly to the ballgames and parades of Valdese. Under the leadership of a new director, Rev. Robert L. Carter, the band entertained at halftime with performances of music from well-known movies, such as "Georgy Girl" and "Doctor Zhivago." VHS musicians also "strutted their stuff" in several parades during the year. They led the Homecoming and Miss Valdese parades and participated in several Christmas parades during the holiday season.

Always out in front of the band were the sparkling, twirling, high-stepping majorettes and the color guard, carrying flags and rifles. Fire baton twirling was the majorettes' specialty and added much to thrilling half-time shows.

Concert season proved the band versatile, their Christmas and spring concerts including such classical selections as "The Nutcracker Suite."

The Majorettes twirl with fire at halftime of the homecoming game.



VHS band practices for halftime ceremonies early each morning during Football Season.



VHS band performed many different routines during the halftime performances.





Majorettes Debbie Woods, Judi Gragg, Peggy Haller, Head, Debbie Hartman, Teresa Griffin, and Cathi Powell add sparkle to the band.



VHS band displays their new uniforms.

Band members elected Judi Gragg for their Homecoming sponsor.



Playing at Pep Rallies the band contributes much to school spirit.





Future Teachers of America study the modern teaching techniques.

President Steve Kaylor and officers Libby Skidmore, Jean Lail, Renee Lowman, and Melissa Leach discuss a topic for the next club meeting.





FHA officers plan a hayride and discuss future projects with Mrs. Hammond.

Preparing for the world of the future, the FHA and FTA instill a sense of awareness for tomorrow in their members. Learning of possibilities in the teaching profession, FTA members study modern techniques and skills. FHA members strive to acquaint themselves with the latest developments in homemaking.

Composed of approximately fifty members, the FHA encourages boys and girls alike to learn about the arts of cooking, sewing, and child care. Some projects undertaken by the FHA this year were a combination hay ride and Halloween party in October, a group singing at Spencer Hall at Christmas, and a Future Homemakers banquet at Raleigh in the spring. They also won a prize for the booth they entered in the Burke County Fair.

Led by president Steve Kaylor, the FTA met with sponsor, Mrs. Braswell, the third Friday in each month to discuss new opportunities and developments in the field of teaching. Studying basic techniques of teaching, they learn the importance of individual instruction and concern for each student. Projects for the year included an assembly program, a "Tiger Time" program, a party, and an essay contest in which the clubs' twenty-three wrote about their teaching ambitions. Alan Robinson's essay won first place and was printed in the Echoes.

FHA Sings at Spencer Hall



Freshman Home Economics students pose to show their classmates the dresses which they made.

Learning the techniques of sewing, cooking, and creating a happy home life, FHA Members prepare for their future.





Library Club members are seen here at one of their meetings to label new books and shelf them.



Library Club members discuss problems of the library for the coming school year.

French Float Wins First Prize

Library club members worked diligently throughout the year to re-organize and check for accuracy the files and records in the library. But, as always, the members' main concern was to help their fellow students.

In late November the Library Club attended the Northwestern District meeting of the North Carolina High School Library Association held at Glen Alpine. Of the four major Association officers elected for the year, three were Valdese students: Bobby Seagle, vice-pres.; Debbie Pons, sec.; Dennis Buff, treas. In April the club attended the state meeting of the North Carolina High School Library Association.

In order to gain a better understanding of the French language and culture, many students joined the French Club this year. During the Homecoming festivities the French Club worked diligently and won first prize on their float. Following this project they decided to have a party for which the Satalites played.

To brighten the halls of VHS the French Club made bulletin boards featuring the culture of the French people. In addition, they also showed school spirit by having several "Tiger Time" programs, which were carried off very well.

Members of the French Club worked diligently on their French float this year and won first prize. Through their meetings this year the French Club has learned much about the French cultures and the French people.







Library assistant Patty Benfield carries out one of her many duties by shelving a book.



Mrs. Reitzel, always willing to lend a helping hand to students, labels new books for the library.

Library assistants work on several of the elaborate posters and displays seen in the library.



H. Setzer, treasurer; C. Stiff, reporter; D. Bollinger, secretary; G. Hoyle, President; and J. Weaver, Vice-President make up the officers of the French Club.



Athletics







- Varsity Football
- Varsity Basketball
- Girl's Basketball
- Track and Field
- Baseball
- J.V. Sports
- Cheerleaders





"I like a man that's got nerve and can pull off a great original performance . . . "
-TO A CONTEMPORARY BUNKSHOOTER

Challenging all participants, rigorous sports activities teach discipline and perseverance. Gaining a sense of responsibility as a team member, each athlete exercises an important influence on the success or failure of the team effort. It takes a person with nerve to undertake a position in sports. He must be able to perform originally, to think quickly, plan ahead, and inspire team co-operation.



This year's trophy winners are Mike Rhoney, Jackie Burns, Jeff Moore, and Charles Wellman. Also pictured are Coach Farmer, Tiger Club president J. Clyde Plexico, and Coach Messere of Appalachian State University.



FIRST ROW: J. Smith, L. Berry, B. Shook, J. Dillingham, J. Burns, B. Brinkley, R. Franklin; SECOND ROW: M. Rhoney, N. Bennett, G. Garmon, G. Ogle, D. Shook, T. Smith, Coach Farmer; THIRD ROW: Coach Murray, G. Refour, B. Feimster, J. Moore, B. Smith, C. Burton, A. Carswell; FOURTH ROW: L. Buchanan, C. Grill, J. Weaver, C. Wellman, D. Oaks, D. Cannon.



Tigers' First Year Under Coach Farmer



Practice started in mid-August to get the Valdese Tigers ready to meet Concord in the first football game of the season. Every day until that first game the Tigers were at work doing exercises and agility drills and going over and over plays on the blackboard as well as on the practice field.

Leading the team were the senior players: Rocky Carswell, tackle; Larry Buchanan, tackle and defensive guard; Charles Grill, guard and linebacker; and Jack Burns, left half back and defensive safety. Other outstanding players were Gary Ogle, quarterback; half back Donnie Shook; and full back Charles Wellman.

Here is how the statistics stacked up:

RUSHING OFFENSE

Player	Yds. rushing	No. carries	Average
Gary Ogle	- 38	24	- 1.3
Donnie Shook	175	55	5.0
Dennis Hicks	113	39	2.5
Charles Wellman	267	67	3.9
Gary Dillingham	1	2	0.5
Jackie Burns	231	75	3.1
Jimmy Dillingham	70	18	3.2
PUNTING			
	Number	Total yards	Average
Rocky Carswell	39	1329	34.3

TEAM PASSING
Attempts-85 Completed-37 Intercepted-15 Total Yardage-324

Even though the Tigers did not win any games, the team gained one thing of great value - experience. From this experience Valdese can expect to see a winning season next year.

Junior fullback Charles Wellmon started as fullback for the second year in a row.

Varsity Football



Coaches Jerry Murray, Gene Icenhower, Lee Farmer, and Roy Greenwood instilled in their players the value of working together.





Hungry football players Gary Dillingham, Doug Cannon, Gary Garmon, and Lenny Berry devour steaks at Castle's.



Football managers Steve Cline and David Harris worked long hours to keep the team in clean uniforms.

End Mike Rhoney catches another pass as the Tigers head for the goal line.





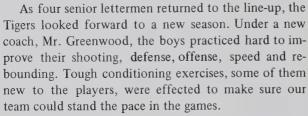
Brian Feimster runs interference for Donnie Shook as the Tigers cross the fifty-yard line into enemy territory.



Starting players Donnie Shook, Charles Wellmon, Gary Ogle, Gary Garmon, and Dennis Hicks run through plays during summer practice.



Rebounding proves to be tough at a pre-season scrimmage.



Seniors returning to the line-up were Rudy Cannon, Robert Murray, Mike Cloer, and Steve Demiter. Doug Cannon, a sophomore, was the fifth letterman of the starting five.

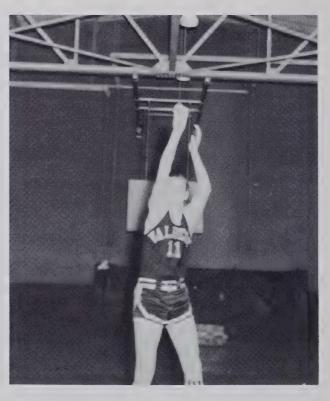
In the words of the coach, "I think we have a fairly good team this year, although we do have some faults. We hope to win a lot of games. To win we are going to have to play the games at our own tempo and play hard."

Play hard they did, and assured the fans of excitement at every game.



Players begin practice with warm-ups.

Five Seniors Return



Robert Murray shoots the foul-shot that wins the Wilkes-Central game.



to Valdese Line-Up



Togetherness holds the team together, says Coach Greenwood.



M. Mitchell, M. Rhoney, G. Ogle, C. Wellman, R. Cannon, S. Chrisenbury, M. Cloer, D. Cannon, B. Parker, S. Demiter, R. Thompson, R. Carswell, R. Murray, J. Weaver, D. Powell.

Basketball



Steve Goode shoots for two during practice.



Doug Cannon and Billy Parker prove that jumping tones and strengthens muscles that come in handy at game time.



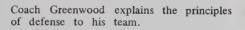
Robert Murray adds two to the score of the Valdese Tigers at the Hudson game.



Dennis Powell signals the Tiger offense as they set up for another score.



Tigers were backed up this year by managers Lee Childers, Bobby Dockery, and Rodney Lambert.





Tigerettes Have Winning Season



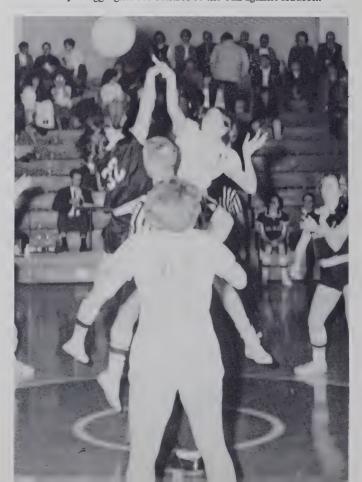
Coach Murray teaches the girls the value of hard, diligent practices, as demonstrated in their performance here.

Valdese has always had an excellent girls basketball team, and this year is no exception. The Tigerettes have thrilled spectators with their fine playing ability, and the tension in the games has been heightened by the close scoring of the girls and their opponents. It even looks as if the team will be a top contender for the Northwestern Conference championship; nonetheless, they will be right in there swinging.

Five senior lettermen returned this year: Gale Rhoney, Sharon Young, Peggy Haller, Gail Hoyle, and Judy Gragg. Elaine Philips, a senior, joined the Tigerettes' squad this year. Pushing hard for starting positions are Debra Hartman, Teresa Griffin, and Linda Sherrill, the junior lettermen. Following them up are some fine sophomores: Brenda Christenbury, Debbie Lowman, Jo Anne Phillips, Jeanne Parise, Anita Garrison, and Donna Huneycutt.

Although lacking in height, the team shows much team spirit in practice as well as on the playing court; and with all these good players to choose from, the Tigerettes have plenty of reserve strength to call upon. Yes, it has been another great year for the VHS Tigerettes.

Judy Gragg fights for control of the ball against Hudson.





Senior Sharon Young goes up for a shot at the Hudson game.



Peggy Haller, a senior letterman, stretches for the ball against Wilkes-Central.

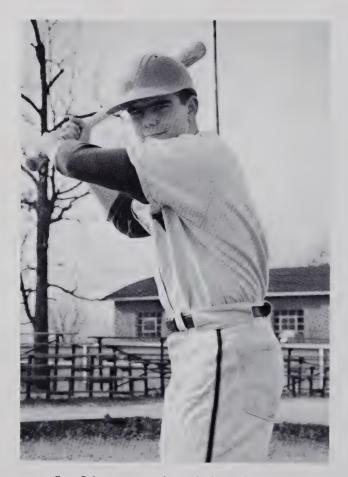


FIRST ROW: T. Griffen, S. Young, A. Gragg, K. Reep, W. Carswell, A. Baker, S. Brown, V. Bradshaw, J. Triplett, F. Walker, D. Hunnycutt, G. Rhoney. SECOND ROW: P. Haller, J. Parise, A. Garrison, B. Christenbury, J. Gragg, F. Mills; Mgr., CoachJerry Murray, D. Hartman, E. Phillips, J. Phillips, L. Sherrill, G. Hoyle.

Baseball



FIRST ROW: B. Murphy, S. Keever, F. Grill, B. Dockery, L. Justice, D. Carswell, R. Newton. SECOND ROW: G. Ogle, S. Martinat, C. Powell, R. Carswell, M. Cloer, R. Murray, M. Huffman, H. Ashe, Coach Gene Icenhower.



Gary Ogle warms up prior to the Tigers first game.

Mike Cloer keeps a sharp eye out for a runner trying to steal second base.





Robert Murray skillfully fields the ball for a quick throw to first.

Tigers Field Good Team



Dennis Powell demonstrates the art of bunting.

Baseball is a sport of quick thinking and reflex, and the baseball team of VHS started in the spring working on those points. Coach Icenhower made sure that each player knew the essentials of good hitting by drilling in that area each day. After that, each player practiced his specialty: pitching, catching, infielding, and outfielding. Thorough workouts in these skills made sure that each player knew his position well.

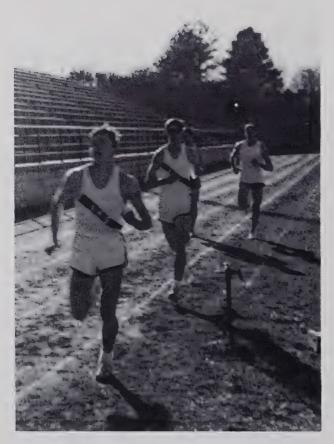
Since most of the leading players graduated last year, the Tigers had to start all over. However, the team had a number of strong players. Mike Cloer, pitcher, was also versatile as an in - or outfielder. On first was Doug Cannon, while Robert Murray and Gary Ogle brought up first and second bases respectively. Completing the infield were Frank Grill at shortstop and Bryan Zimmerman behind the plate. Outfielders of the team were Brian Feimster, Dennis Raines, and Dennis Powell, who also plays catcher.

Looking into the future, there are some underclassmen who are looking good. The Tigers have some material to work on for the years ahead, and VHS will be right in there slugging.

Track



J. Weaver, and R. Thompson run the 100 yard dash.



Boys on the track team run the 440 during practice.

Mike Rhoney takes a hurdle in perfect form.





Cold weather didn't bother the track team during practice.

Of all sports, track is probably the most strenuous and demanding. From the first sound of "runners, take your blocks" to bodies straining for the tape, one can feel the tension mounting from second to second.

Prerequisites to participation in track are that each must train hard and following strict training rules. Hours and hours of training are a must to build up the stamina necessary for track's strenuous events.

Track events combine speed and endurance which quickens the pulse just to watch them. While, on the other hand, field events, such as pole vaulting, discus throwing, and high jumping give a thrill all their own. Coached by Lee Farmer and Jerry Murray, the boys looked forward to another good year of competition.

Tough Conditions for Track Team



Strict training rules, top physical condition, and competition mold the track team of VHS.



FIRST ROW: L. Guigou, L. McGuire, D. Boggs, D. Carswell, G. Yancey, J. Hefner. SECOND ROW: M. Huffman, C. Burton, B. Smith, D. Hicks, T. Brinkley, J. Yancey, G. Lynn, P. Dalmas, Coach Icenhower.

Junior Varsity Football Team Has

VHS's Junior Varsity football team was blessed with a wonderful defense and hard-hitting offense which accounts for its winning season this year. Directed and prodded by Coaches Greenwood and Cozort, the J. V.'s tallied up a 5-3 season record. The unforgiving Tigers gave up only 3 very close games. The 6-3 loss to Marion was the most heartbreaking in that it was lost in the last 30 seconds of the game by a score of 6-3. Here is how the team did this season:

Leading the defense were the two hard-hitting ends, Terry Ward and Darryl Adams. Other members like linebacker Danny Willis and linemen Mike Tremer and Dwight Kelly helped to hold their opponents down to few TD's.

Defense is no good without a good offense, and that was one of Valdese's strongest points. Handled by the quarterbacks Danny Carswell and Gerald Tripplett, the team did a magnificent job. The backfield, spearheaded by Lloyd Wehunt and Babe Childers, was able to counteract the opposing defenses. The best receiver was Pierre Dalmas, who had a fine year. Louis Guigou, the field goal and extra point kicker, was able to put 12 out of 16 extra points on the scoreboard.

Speculating on the future, VHS can look forward to the time when these boys will become Varsity players, and students can expect to see other winning seasons.



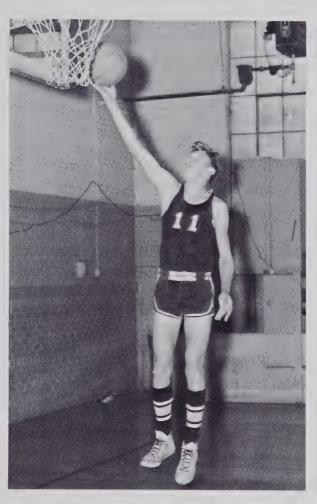
Dennis Hicks goes up for a jump ball, gaining control for Valdese.



Coach Icenhower discusses possible strategy against Hudson.

Winning Season

	Valdese	Opponent
Hudson	7	0
Marion	3	6
Salem	14	20
Taylorsville	0	. 12
Granite Falls	21	12
Drexel	12	0
Gamewell	42	12
Oak Hill	12	7



Chris Burton goes for a lay up during a practice drill.



FIRST ROW: L. Childers, L. Wehunt, L. Justice, R. Lambert, P. Towery, D. Carswell, P. Dalmas, R. Dockery. SECOND ROW: M. Huffman, J. Abernathy, T. Ward, L. Childers, J. Hefner, G. Triplett, J. Pascal, S. Seagle. THIRD ROW: M. Tremor, L. Guigou, F. Sherrill, D. Smith, D. Adams, D. Willis, D. Kelley, Coaches Cozort and Greenwood.

Cheerleaders

For the first time at VHS, some of the cheerleaders attended an ACA cheerleading camp in the summer. They brought back many new ideas, such as "Set-Ready-O-Let's-Go" and use of the low voice method of cheering. The buses going to the ballgames were filled with spirit by the singing of the new songs the cheerleaders had learned at camp. School spirit was greatly improved by the cheering trend.

Co-heads Wanda Childers and Janice Lowman led the Varsity cheerleaders. Mrs. Whisenant, the sponsor, advised the Varsity girls about such matters as pep rallies and uniforms. The Junior Varsity girls were headed by Jackie Refour. New uniforms were attractive additions to both Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders. Both squads helped boost the spirit at VHS and the new trend brought reformation to the cheerleading teams.



Forming the V of victory, cheerleaders inspire team support at a pep rally.

Cheerleaders Attend ACA Camp



Pyramids of powerful enthusiasm abound from cheerleaders D. Church, N. Franklin, L. Searcy, J. Lowman, D. Bounous, W. Childers, G. Nichols, R. Grill, R. Rostan.



Leading the J. V. cheering squad are L. Hern, S. Shook, M. Rostan, K. Reep, R. Fletcher, J. Refour, F. Page, D. Murray, D. Martinat, A. Gragg.





N. Franklin and W. Childers lead cheers during a pep rally before a football game.

Wrapping the goal posts for home games is a fun task for varsity cheerleaders.

Classes and Honors

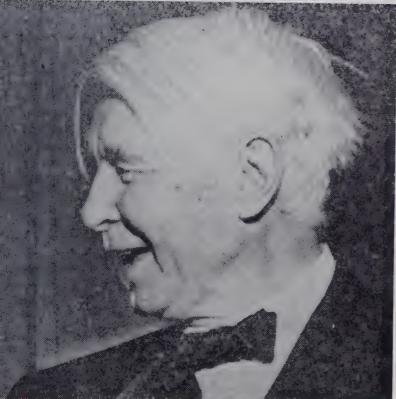






- Freshman Class
- Sophomore Class
- Junior Class
- Senior Class
- Class Officers
- Senior Superlatives
- Class Honors
- Senior Statistics
- Junior Marshals
- Scholarships
- Junior-Senior Waiters
- Special Awards





"You see, I am still a traveler, a seeker."

Students must be seekers. They must strive in order to produce. Each class level offers new challenges, new ideas, and different experiences. In order to conform and adjust, students must be constant seekers of purpose, knowledge and direction. They must travel and seek until they leave VHS. Then a new cycle of seeking begins - that of life as an adult. These seekers who strive to reach the top - - to excel in whatever they undertake - - are deserving of the honors that await them there - - and we honor them here, for we admire their stamina, their determination, their leadership, and what Sandburg would have called just plain devotion.

"Nothing Happens Unless First A Dream"



Freshmen class officers J. Hefner, President; L. Justice, Vice-President; J. Brinkley, Treasurer; and J. Pascal, Secretary; enter into the unknown with their classmates, but are eager to encounter new experiences.

"Nothing happens unless first a dream."

A freshman must have visions of tomorrow; he must see the ultimate of himself before he can develop his potential. He must learn to adjust to the hustle of crowded halls, the agony of Rat Day and the reality

that he is no longer a child. It is difficult for him to look beyond the new schedules, teachers, and routines. He sees only the challenge of today, yet "nothing happens unless first a dream."



Debbie Abee Johnny Abernathy Derl Adams James Andrews Ronnie Annas Alice Baker

Becky Barlowe Mike Barlowe Jeanine Barrus Cindy Benfield Barbara Benson Steve Boone



Jane Bradley Vickie Bradshaw Mary Jane Brinkley David Brown Shirlene Brown Janice Buchanan

Dennis Buff Mary Louise Bumgarner Marianne Burris Cathy Cambell Wanda Carpenter Brenda Carswell

Danny Carswell Ellen Carswell Wanda Carswell Denise Causby Sherri Chapman Kathy Childers



Larry Childers Lee Childers Paul Chrisco Cathy Church Libby Church Mike Church

Steve Cline Brenda Cooke Linda Cooke Patricia Cooke Pam Costner Lester Crawford

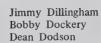
Freshman Class



Freshmen girls discuss FSC projects.

Pierre Dalmas Rick Davis Shelia Day

Deetee Deaton Melvin Deaton Doris Decker





Dana Dunevant Sue Edwards Raye Lynn Fletcher Debra Franklin Dianne Franklin Elizabeth Friszell













Joe Henry poses as Mr. Lewis prepares to take his picture.

Bobbie Goode Ann Gragg

Alan Griffin Louis Guigou

Sharon Hallyburton Debbie Hamby

















Jerry Hefner Lisa Hern Joe Hollingsworth Macon Huffman Deborah Hutchins Ramona Hutchins

Glen Hyde Freida Ingle Jimmy Ingle Lyle Justice Robin Kaplan George Keaton



Dwight Kelly Linda Lambert



Rodney Lambert Sonny Lankford



Dean Lloyd Gary Lowman



Jumping on the trampoline can be fun, at least the freshmen boys think so.



























Pamala McNeely Steve Miller Dennis Moose Debra Murray Ronnie Newton Jan Oxentine

Freshman Class



Frances Page John Pascal



Terry Pearson Brenda Perrou





Lucy Piercy Debbie Pons



Jennifer Pons Theresa Poteat



R. L. Fletcher, M. Rostan, and D. Murray entertain the student body during an assembly program.









Brent Powell Kathy Reep Jackie Refore Gail Robinson Ricky Robinson Karen Ross



Freshmen girls encounter their first experience at homemaking during Home Economics classes.



Marie Rostan Keith Seagle Fran Sherrill Sharon Shook Celeste Shytle Kay Simpson

Danny Smith Steve Stirewalt Barbara Street Lawrence Tinsley Pinkney Towery Allen Townsend

Mike Tremor Gerald Triplett Jo Anne Triplett Patrica Vance Frances Walker Linda Ward

Debra Warf Lloyd Wehunt Kathy Wheeling Deana Williams Danny Willis Melba Willis



Susie Woods



Freshmen P. E. students learn the fundamental rules of playing basketball.

Jackie Refour and Debbie Abee impersonate a senior superlative during initiation assembly.

"Laughing the stormy, husky brawling laughter of Youth"



Sophomore class officers M. Rhoney, Treasurer; T. Brinkley, Vice-President; A. Garrison, Secretary; and D. Boggs, President; lead their class to maturity and better achievements.

Happily, the sophomores return to Valdese High School - more confident than before. They are bursting with carefree potential - laughter comes more freely. Some of the old timidity is gone. The pressures of tomorrow's decisions have not yet penetrated their realm. Learning more about their world through new science courses, culture study of foreign lands, and new math concepts; they unknowingly prepare for the future. Becoming proud, more active students, sophomores laugh freely the laugh of Valdese High School youth.



Eddie Annas Mary Ellen Abernathy Sandy Abernathy Harold Ashe Janet Baird

Janice Barnes Mike Barnes Ronnie Barnes Barbara Barnhardt Sheila Barus



Kenneth Berry Vanessa Benfield Norman Bennet Beverly Bernard Billy Berry

Bobby Berry Shelia Berry Danny Boggs Denise Bounous Bill Bradshaw









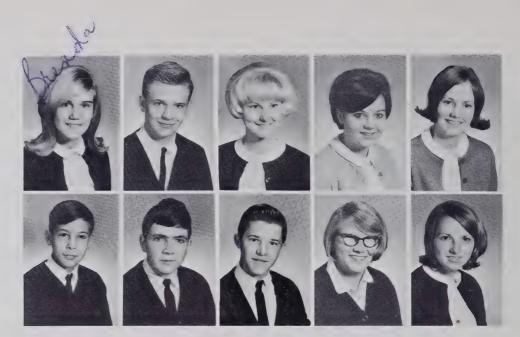


Brenda Bradshaw Doug Brinkley Tommy Brinkley Chris Burton Jack Butler

Jo Ann Campbell Doug Cannon Marlene Capps Lee Carswell Peggy Causby

Brenda Christenbury Charles Clements Patty Cline Margret Clontz Charlotte Collins

David Cornwell Clyde Coulter Danny Crisco Carolyn Deaton Jewel Deaton





Sophomores D. Honneycutt and J. Baird meet to plan committees for their English class.

Gary Dillingham Nancy Franklin Clarence Frizell

Jo Ann Frizell Anita Garrison Kathy Garmon



Renee Grill Karen Guarino Ricky Hallyburton Hope Harris Sandra Harris

Martha Heavner Mike Heavner Joe Henry Dennis Hicks Donna Huneycutt





Mary Huff Naomi Hull Kenneth Huffman Glen Icard Gene Jonas





Fonda Lail Jamillia Lail Billy Lambert Doris Link Alan Lowman



Debbie Lowman Renee Lowman George Lynn Eugene McClure Aloma McCraken













Lois McLean Ramona Metcalf Marc Mitchell



Sophomores are seen here having their locker check.

Teddy Mourglea Wanda Moyers Becky Murphy Billy Murphy Richard Murphy

Gary Ogle Jeannie Parise Deidre Pearson Jo Ann Phillips Shelly Powell



Lorraine Propst Randy Queen Greg Refour Mike Rhoney Alton Robinson











Pam Robinson Gwen Salvaggio





Sophomores listen attentively as they take their World History notes. 96



Sophomore R. Lowman entertains at an assembly.











Bobbie Seagle Dan Seagle Lenny Shoemake







Rachel Shook Joey Smart Barney Smith









Tony Smith Taru Stafford Mike Storie

D. Bounous and N. Franklin lead the VHS band during one of the parades.











Gary Swink Karen Terrell Linda Turner Don Vaught Karen Wellman











Bobby Wilson Debbie Woods Dale Woody Gary Yancey Jerry Yancey







Richard Yancey Dorothy Yoder Thurmon Rector

"We Don't Know Where We're Going but We're on Our Way."

- "The Sins of Kalamazoo"



Junior class officers: Secretary, Diane Church; Treasurer, Gail Nichols; Vice-President, Donnie Shook; President, Gary Garmon; inspired their class to sell, sell magazines and candy.

Arriving at a crucial point in their high school careers, juniors realize their need to search for a purpose, a destination. They are well on their way to maturity and adult life - learning to accept responsibility; as shown in their commendable efforts in magazine and candy sales. They industriously sold over three thousand dollars worth of magazines and set a

record for Valdese High School. They also learned of the mysteries of today through the study of the blueprints of today - history. The techniques of math, the study of the earth's makeup, and increased knowledge of literature all contribute to the broadening scope of juniors. They are well on their way to a world they have not yet seen but are ready to confront.



Larry Bedford Jimmy Benfield Patty Benfield Lenny Berry Dawn Bollinger

Jimmy Bounous Fred Braswell Bruce Brinkley Elaine Brittain Eva Bryant



Rita Burns Toby Campbell Bruce Cannon David Carpenter Olin Carpenter





Bill Davis Noarean Deal Robbie Deaton Brian Feimster Robert Franklin

Gary Garmon Steve Goode Kay Gragg Martha Griffin Teresa Griffin

Junior Class



Cindy Stiff and Tommy Shook narrated the Homecoming assembly in October.

Frank Grill David Harris

Paul Harris









Jimmy Heavner Betty Henson Dennis Huffman Judy Hurt Ralph Justice



































Steve Martinat Dianne Masser David McDaniels





Frank Grill is initiated into the NHS by his senior members.



Cathy Mull Diane Neale Wally Oaks Neil Parise Eddie Perrou

Phyllis Perrou Margaret Peyronel Dennis Powell Janie Pons Karen Powell



Cathi Powell Terry Powell



Jessie Price Allen Robinson



Tommy Shook portrayed the Greek king Agamemnon in the play of the advanced English classes.











Kathy Ross Jimmy Rostan Roger Seagle Donnie Searcy Libby Searcy











Linda Sherrill Bill Shook Donnie Shook Patricia Shook Tommy Shook

Libby Skidmore
Jimmy Smith
Vickie Smith
Cindy Stiff
Ronnie Thompson

















Junior class officers proudly display their record breaking sales of magazines and candy.

Larry Warren Joe Weaver

Charles Wellman Brenda White

David Walsh Lanice Warf

















Roger Wilson Gail Winebarger



Gail Nichols was chosen by the student body as Christmas Queen.



Randy Young Harold Zimmerman Leon Abee Martha Davis Alan Duncan

Janie Causby Mary Jane Craig Dennis Mull Kenneth Yancey Judy York



Juniors P. Perrou, L. Skidmore, P. Collins, and K. Gragg must study hard to retain good averages in tough history courses.

"In the night, and overhead a shovel of stars for keeps, the people march: "Where to? What Next?"



Senior class officers M. Leach, Secretary; B. Jones, Vice-President; C. Barnhardt, President; and D. Neale, Treasurer lead their class toward achievement and future goals.

"In the night, and overhead a shovel of stars for keeps, the people march: 'Where to? What next'?'"

Reaching this climactic point in their lives, seniors realize that the time for decisions has come. Even after the decisions are made about college, work, the future, courage must be mustered to project them into a successful reality. Beginning with SAT, Air

Force and Employee's Exams, seniors face the world. They are tested by the world for acceptance into it's realm. But they are hopefully well prepared with background in foreign language, mathematics, graphic arts, English, and the world of science.

The people, seniors, march beyond the walls of Valdese High School into the world of stars, always overhead - challenging them to reach eternally.



Sandy Abee Carl Abernathy Rosie Abernathy Gail Anthony

Byron Barnes Chuck Barnhardt Wanda Barrett Leila Benfield

Clint Bernard Earl Berry Vicki Berry Gary Bivens

Kathy Bradshaw Benny Bridges John Brinkley Margaret Brittain

Sherri Brittain Mary Brown Gary Buckner Jack Burns

Senior Class



Johnny Byrd Allan Carswell



Scheryl Cannon Johnny Cannon



Always wearing a smile and a hand in the air are Becky Sinclair and David Garrison chosen Friendliest by their classmates.









Rudy Cannon Tony Chapman Gail Childers Wanda Childers



Mike Cloer and Melissa Leach were chosen Most Attractive by their fellow seniors.









Jeannie Christenbury Mike Cloer

Martha Deal Steve Deal



Steve Demiter Albert Epley Judy Gragg Dale Green

Charles Grill Peggy Haller Dan Hamby Sally Harmon





Gail Hoyle



Kathy Huffman



Wanda Barrett and Chuck Barnhardt were chosen Most Likely To Succeed because of their ability to lead and their academic achievements.

Kay Huffman Nancy Humphries Sharon Huss Judy Ingle











Always willing to lend a helping hand, D. Neale and B. Smith were chosen Most Courteous.

Ann Jacks Buck Jones

David Lane Melissa Leach









Butch Leger Carolyn Lingle Elizabeth Link Janice Lowman

















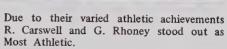
Mary Lutz Herman Masser Nancy Maynor Gary McClure



Kathy McGuire Jeanne Meadows



Robert Murray Donna Neale











Alvin Newton Nona Norman Judy Ogle Jimmy Page



Chosen by their classmates as Most Studious because of their academic achievements were R. Abernathy and J. Page.





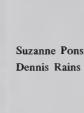
Billy Parker

Elaine Phillips

Senior Class











Phillip Ramsey Benny Rhoney



Renee Rostan and Robert Murray were chosen Best All Around by their classmates and the title was well deserved because of their varied interests in different activities.



Bryan Zimmerman and Linda Stillwell always seem to have fun in any situation or location; therefore, they were elected "Wittiest."















Harriet Setzer Becky Sinclair

Brent Smith Linda Spann



Talented in many fields Ann Jacks and Steve Demiter were voted Most Talented.

David Stamey Linda Stillwell

Elaine Stroupe Delayne Wallace



















Sharon Young Bryan Zimmerman



Always offering a friendly smile and caring about others Peggy Haller and Buck Jones were chosen Most Popular.

Marshals are at Top of Class

ABEE, SANDY

FHA 4; French Club 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Jr.-Sr. Waitress 2; Impersonator Staff 4.

ABERNATHY, ROSIE

Student Council 3, 4; Representative Council 3; Interclub Council 4; French Club 2, 3, 4, Sec. 3; Jr.-Sr. Waitress 2; Marshal 3; Impersonator 3, 4, Editor 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Girls' State 3; Forensic Society 2, 3, 4, Vice-Pres. 2, 3; "Most Studious"; Maid of Honor, Homecoming Court 4.

BARNES, BYRON VICA 4.

ANTHONY, GAIL Chorus 2, 3; DE 4; Sec. 4.

BARNHARDT, CHUCK

Student Council, Representative Council 2; Vice-President 3; Speaker of the Rep. Council 4; Senior Class President 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Boys' State 3; Football 2, 3; Jr.-Sr. Waiter 2; Track 2; Marshal 3; French Club 3; Drama Club 4; Impersonator Staff 4; "Most Likely to Succeed".

BARRETT, WANDA

Student Council 1, 3, 4; Rep. Council 1, 3; Interclub Council 4; French Club 2, 3; Jr.-Sr. Waitress 2; Chief Marshal 3; Impersonator 3, 4; Business Manager 4; FHA 4; National Honor Society, Treas. 3; President 4; Girls' State 3; "Most Likely to Succeed".

BENFIELD, LEILA

Library Club 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3; Forensic Society 2, 3, 4, Pres. 4; Varsity Debater 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Student Council 4, Interclub Council 4; Drama Club 1, Sec. 1; Pep Club 2.

BERNARD, CLINT

Drama Club 4, Vice-Pres; Student Council 4; Annual Staff 4.

BERRY, EARL I.C.T. 3, 4; V.I.C.A. 3, 4.

BERRY, VICKIE

Dancing Dolls 1, 2; FHA 2, 3; Drama 3; FBLA 4; Library Club 3.

BIVENS, GARY Bus Driver 3, 4; VICA 4.



These junior marshals were selected to lead the Graduation Exercises for 1967. Jimmy Page, Rosie Abernathy, Wanda Barrett, Chief, Jeanette Heavner, Chuck Barnhardt.

BRADSHAW, KATHY

FHA 2, 3, 4; FBLA 4; Echoes 4; Library Club 4; Drama Club 3; Dancing Dolls 2; Color Guard 4.

BRIDGES, BENNY

ICT 3, 4.

BRINKLEY, JOHN

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pres. 4; Student Council 4; Drama Club 1, 3; French 2, 4; Forensic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Burke County Speech Contest Winner 2, 3; All-State Band 3; Tiger Time 4; Rotary Leadership Camp 3; Best All Around Freshman 1.

BRITTAIN, MARGARET E.

Jr. - Sr. Waitress 2; Drama Club 3; French Club 4; Chorus 4; Impersonator 4.

BRITTAIN, SHERRI

FBLA 3, 4; FHA 2, 3, 4; Library Club 4; Echoes 3, 4; Bus Driver 4; Chorus 4.

BROWN, MARY

Band 1; Forensic Society 2, 3; FBLA 3, 4; FHA 4; Chorus 4; FTA 4; Impersonator 4; Color Guard 4; Library Club 1.

BURNS, JACKIE

Football 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 4.

CANNON, RUDY

Track Manager 1; Drama Club 4; French Club 2, 3; Football 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4.

CANNON, SCHERYL

FHA 2; FBLA 3, 4; Chorus 4, Pres.; Student Council 4; Echoes 4.

CARSWELL, ROCKY

Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Chorus 3, 4; "Most Athletic"; Class treasurer 1.

CHAPMAN, TONY

ICT 3, 4.

CHILDERS, GAIL

FHA 2, 3, 4; FBLA 3, 4; Echoes 3, 4; Chorus 4.

CHILDERS, WANDA

J.V. Cheerleader 1; Varsity Cheerleader 3, 4; Co-Head 4; FHA 1; FBLA 3, 4; Pres. 4; Monogram 4; Library Club 1, 2; Homecoming Sponsor 4; Echoes 4; Student Council 4; Dancing Dolls 1.

CHRISTENBURY, JEANNIE

Softball; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2; ICT 3, 4; Chorus 4; Homecoming Court 4.

CLOER, MIKE

Class Vice-Pres. 2; Football 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 4; Chorus 4; "Most Attractive."

DEAL, MARTHA

FHA 3, 4; VICA 4.

DEMITER, STEVE

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pres. 3; Sergeant-at-arms 2; Rotary Leaders Camp 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4, Pres. 4; Student Council Convention Delegate 4; Drama Club 4; "Most Talented".

EPLEY, ALBERT

Drama Club 4; Chorus 4; Echoes Staff, Business Mgr. 4.

GRAGG, JUDY

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 4; Majorette 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Sponsor 4; Drama Club 2, 3, 4; Sec. 3, Pres. 4; Echoes 3; FHA 2, 3; Inter-Club Council 4.

GREENE, DALE

DE 3, 4.

GRILL, CHARLES

Class Vice-Pres. 1; Class Sec.-Treas. 2; Football 2, 3, 4; Monogram 2, 3, 4, Sergeant-at-arms 4; Chorus 4.

HALLER, PEGGY

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Sec. 3; Cheerleader 1; French Club 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2, 3, Treas. 2; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Sec.-Treas. 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Christmas Queen Attendant 3; Head Majorette 3, 4; WAA 1; Dancing Dolls 1; Pep Club 2; Forensic Society 2, 3, 4, Sec. 3, 4; "Most Popular."

HAMBY, DAN

Latin Club 1.

HARMON, SALLY

Basketball Manager 3, 4; Softball 1.

HEAVNER, JEANETTE

Jr.-Sr. Waitress 2; Junior Marshal 3; DECA 3, 4; National Honor Society 4.

HENRY, MIKE

VICA 3, 4; Industrial Arts 1.

HIPPS, JOHNNY

Football 1; Library Club 3, 4; Vice-Pres.; Bus Driver 3, 4.

Renee Rostan Receives DAR Good Citizen Award

HOYLE, GAIL

French Club 2, 3, 4; Pres. 4; Student Council 4; W.A.A. 2; FHA 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Echoes 3, 4; NHS 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr.-Sr. Waitress 2; Pep Club 2.

HUFFMAN, KATHY

Chorus 2; Library Club 3; FBLA 3, 4; FHA 4; VICA 4; Sec.-Treas. 4.

HUFFMAN, KAY

Chorus 2, 4; ICT 3, 4.

HUMPHRIES, NANCY

J.V. Cheerleader 1; WAA 1, 2; Pep Club 2; Library Club 2; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Echoes 4.

HUSS, SHARYN F.

FHA 1, 2; French Club 2, 3; Drama Club 3, 4; DECA 4; Queen of Rat Week 1.

INGLE, JUDY

FHA 1, 2, 3; Echoes 3, Editor 4; Drama Club 3; FBLA 4, Sec. 4.

JACKS, ANN

Forensic Society 2, 3; Pep Club 2; French Club 3; Drama Club 4; Echoes Staff 4; Student Council Reporter 4; Jr.-Sr. Waitress 2; Chorus Accompanist 4; Dancing dolls 2; Homecoming sponsor 4; "Most Talented".

JONES, BUCK

Drama Club 4; French Club 2, 3; Football 2, 3; Student Council 4; Senior Class Vice-Pres.; "Most Popular".

LEACH, MELISSA

Class Sec. 1, 4; Band 1, 3; Majorette 3; Jr.-Sr. Waitress 2; Student Council 1, 2, 3, Sec. 3; FTA 4; Treas. 4; FHA 4; NHS 4, Sec. 4; Echoes 4; Homecoming Court 4; Christmas Court 1, 2, 4; "Most Attractive".

LANE, DAVID

Chorus 4, Vice-Pres.; Drama Club 4.

LEGER, BUTCH

Drama Club 1, 2, 4.

LETTERMAN, LINDA

FHA 1, 2; VICA 3, 4; Chorus 4.

LINK, ELIZABETH

Best All Around Freshman Girl; Forensic 2, 3, 4; ICT 4; French Club 2, 3; Dancing Doll 2.

LOWMAN, JANICE

Dancing Dolls 1; Library Club 2, 3; French Club 3, 4, Reporter 3; Christmas Court 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Court 4; Monogram Club 4; Cheerleader 3, 4, Co-Chief 4; Student Council 3, 4; Library Assistant 2, 3.

LUTZ, MARY

Chorus 1; FHA 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 4; Echoes 4; VICA 4.

McGUIRE, KATHY

Echoes 4; FTA 4; FBLA 4; Library Club 3; Homecoming Court 4.

MASSER, HERMAN

Football 1, 2; Track 1; Student Council 1; Impersonator 4; Drama Club 4; Jr.-Sr. Waiter 2.

MAYNOR, NANCY

Cheerleader 1; FBLA 3, 4, Vice-Pres. 4; FHA 1, 2; WAA 1, 2; Library Club 1, 3; Echoes 4; Pep Club 2.

MEADOWS, JEAN FHA 3; VICA 4.

DECA 3, 4.

MOURGLEA, ANDY

MURRAY, ROBERT

Class President 1, 2; Student Council 1, 2; Monogram Club 3, 4, Vice-Pres. 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; "Best All Around."

NEALE, DONNA

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-Pres. 2, Historian 4; Drama Club 3, 4; Library Club 4; Senior Class Treas.; "Most Courteous."



Renee Rostan was selected by the faculty as the DAR Good Citizen of the year. She was also District Winner.

Chuck Barnhardt Finalist for National Merit Scholarship

NORMAN, NONA C.

FHA 3, 4, Sec. 4; Class Pres. 3; Student Council 3, 4; D.E. 4, Pres. 4.

OGLE, JUDY

FHA 1, 2; Library Club 3; FBLA 4; Echoes 4; Drama 3.

PAGE, JIMMY

Student Council 1, 4; French Club 3, Vice-Pres. 3; Football 2; Track 1, 2; Marshal 3; National Honor Society 4; Drama Club 4; Jr.-Sr. Waiter 2; Boys' State 3; "Most Studious."

PARKER, BILLY

Drama Club 4; Basketball 4.

PHILLIPS, ELAINE

Dancing Dolls 1; Color Guard 2, 4; Basketball 2, 4; FBLA 4; Echoes 4; Library Club 3.

PONS, SUZANNE

Dancing Dolls 1; Drama Club 2; Library Club 2, 3; Pres. 4; Forensic Society 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Student Council 4; Homecoming Sponsor 4.

RAINS, DENNIS

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 4; Monogram 4.

RAMSEY, PHILLIP

Chorus 4; Football 2.

REED, NICK

VICA 3, 4; ICT 3, 4.

RHONEY, GAIL

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; FBLA 4; Treas. 4; Echoes 4; Library Club 2, 3; Homecoming Court 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; "Most Athletic."

ROSTAN, RENEE

Cheerleader 1, 3, 4; Student Council 4, Sec. 4; Impersonator Staff 4; Dancing Dolls 1; French Club 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2, 3, Treas. 3; Pep Club 2; DAR Good Citizen, District Winner 4; Homecoming Court 4; Monogram Club 4; Christmas Court 3; WAA 2, 3; "Best All Around."

SETZER, HARRIET

WAA 1; French Club 2, 3, 4, Treas. 4; Office Assistant 2, 3; Impersonator Staff 4.

SINCLAIR, BEKCY

Dancing Dolls 1; Cheerleader 1; WAA 1, 2; French Club 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; FTA 4; Homecoming Court 4; Library Assistant 2, 3, 4; Color Guard 4; "Friendliest."

SMITH, BRENT

ICT 4; "Most Courteous."

STILLWELL, LINDA

Chorus 2, 3; "Wittiest."



C. Barnhardt was selected as Finalist in National Merit Scholarship.

WESSON, EUGENE

ICT 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Football 1, 2.

WALLACE, DELAYNE

Colorguard 4; Drama Club 4; FHA 4; County Historian; Homecoming Court Maid of Honor.

YANCEY, EDDIE

Student Council 1; Industrial Arts Club 1; DECA 3; VICA 4; Chorus 4.

YOUNG, SHARON

FHA 2, 3, 4; FBLA 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Echoes 4; Pep Club 2; Dancing Dolls 1, 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4.

ZIMMERMAN, BRYAN

Industrial Arts Club 1, 2; Chorus 4.





Maid of Honor, Rosie Abernathy; Homecoming Queen, Peggy Haller; Maid of Honor, Delayne Wallace.



Happiness is becoming Homecoming Queen and Peggy Haller experiences this feeling.

Peggy Haller Queen of Homecoming

Action, excitement, and chaos filled the week of October 16-20, for that was the week of Valdese High School's homecoming festivities.

Monday started off with each homeroom singing the "Alma Mater" every morning of the week, and the planning of the position of floats and cars in the homecoming parade. Most of the clubs at VHS entered floats hoping to win first prize. Meetings of the clubs, to work on floats were held in garages and basements. A poster contest was started. Each homeroom appointed a committee to work on their posters. The winning homeroom would receive free soft drinks.

Tuesday brought in the homecoming assembly during which the homecoming court was presented to the student body. The homeroom winning the poster contest was Miss Morrison's.

Voting for the homecoming queen took place Thursday during homeroom. The students and faculty wore black and gold to school and to the bonfire held that night to show their school spirit.

Friday saw students wearing victory buttons to support VHS football team. The special event of the day was the homecoming parade with all the homecoming sponsors riding elegantly through town with the clowns following close behind. Next came the band which certainly topped off a beautiful parade. That night at the football game unusual spirit filled everyone. VHS would soon have her queen.

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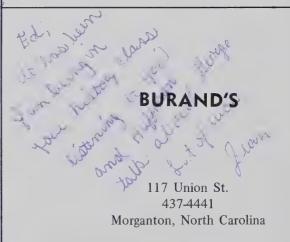
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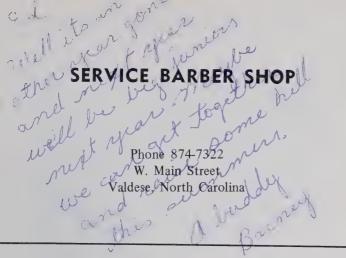


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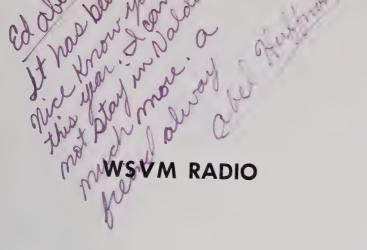
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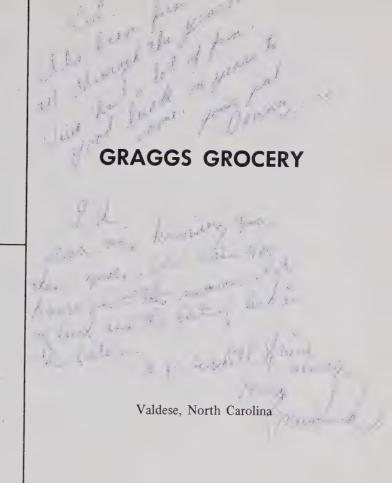
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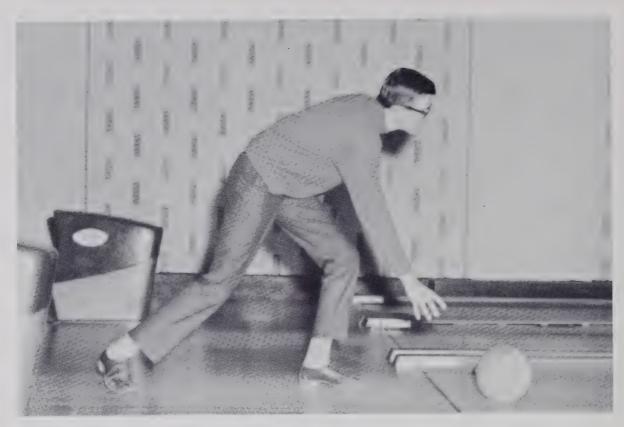
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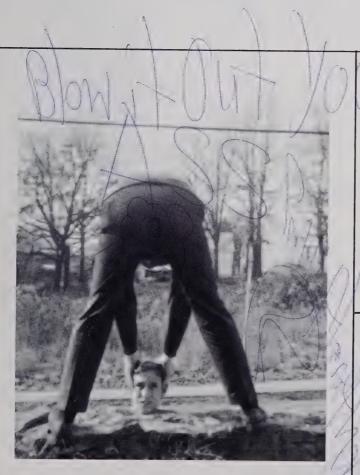
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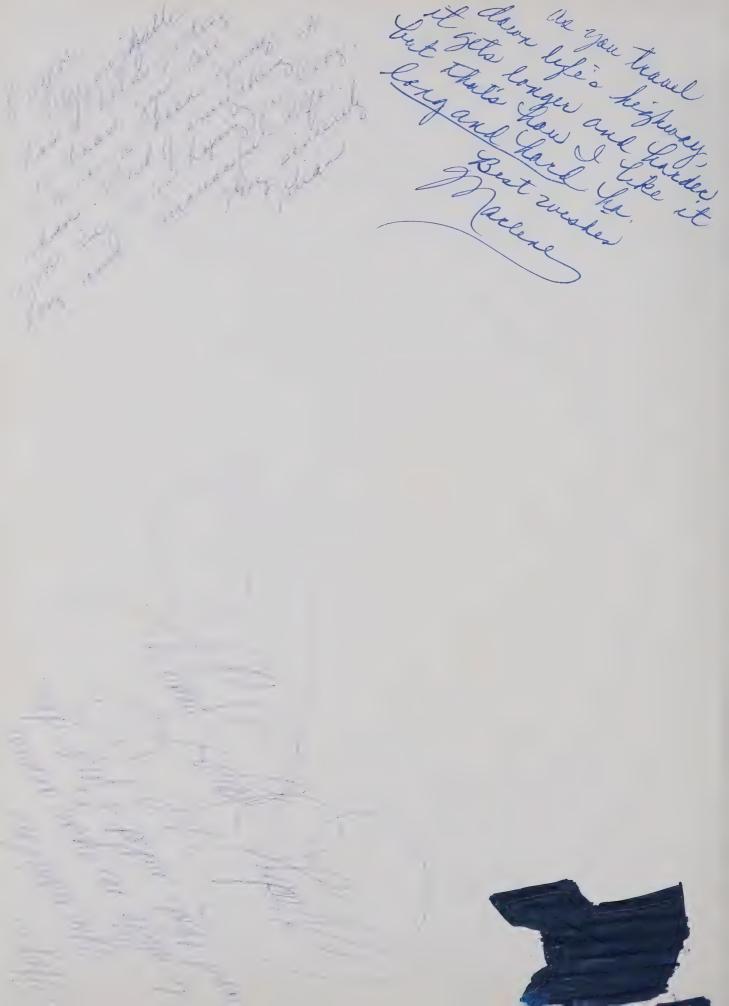
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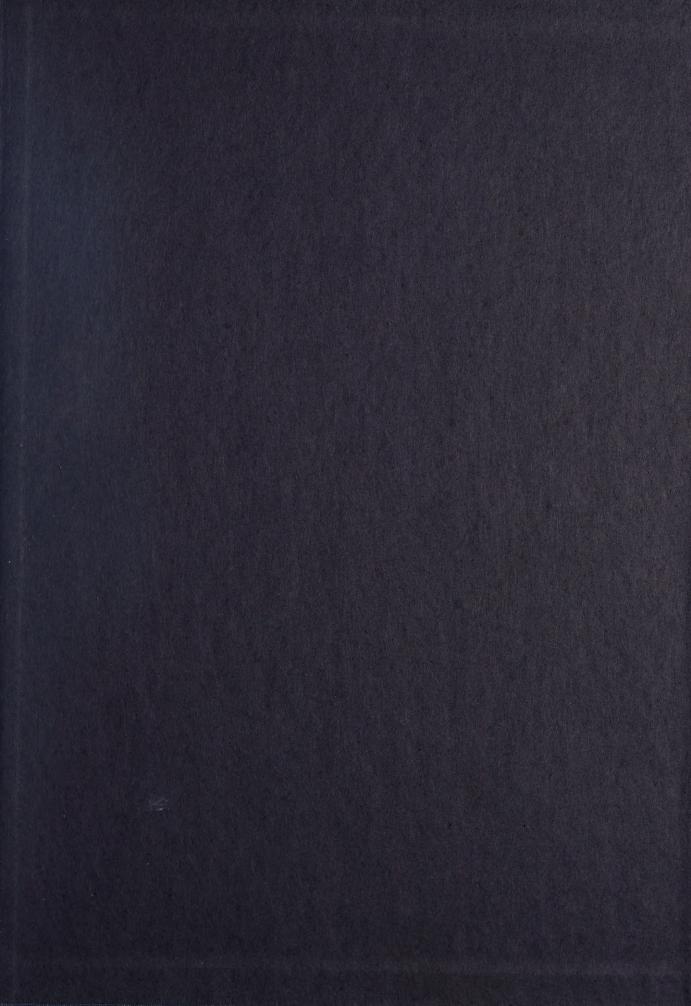
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